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Renowned Speaker and Author to Share at Dimensions

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University is pleased to welcome Lisa Whittle, as a distinguished speaker. Whittle will share with students and community members on Tuesday, March 18 at 9:25 in the Paul Porter Arena, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC).

The daughter of a long-time pastor, Whittle was raised to express her faith openly and boldly. As the first solo female author to have her start with the popular publishing firm, Barna Group, she has used writing as a way to share the stories of her life that both compel and inspire others. Whittle opens up about her personal feelings about the church and individual failures due to a lack of faith.

“Lisa was a featured speaker in Dimensions a few years ago and the student response to her message was outstanding,” said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. “She is in great demand as a writer and speaker, having collaborated with well-known ministry organizations such as Compassion International, Proverbs 31, and the Barna Group.”

Whittle has traveled all over the country with the objective to speak about Jesus, seek the truth, share stories and start conversation. In addition to being an author, speaker, wife and mother, Whittle is also involved in Proverbs 31 Ministries and Compassion International.

Proverbs 31 is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry that strives to help all people, but especially women, build a personal relationship with God. Compassion International provides the basic necessities of food, health and hygiene training, medical checkups and a message of God’s love to children from all over the world. For more information about Whittle as well as Proverbs 31 and Compassion International, visit www.lisawhittle.com.

Gardner-Webb University’s Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesday at 9:25 a.m. at GWU. More information is available by calling 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University’s purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and

leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).

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